

Crisp Facts Gathered In the Realm of Sports

POINTERS TO FANDOM

The Montgomery club did not pay the fine of \$1250 imposed by Judge Kavanaugh in reference to the charges of Pitcher Juul. The time limit has expired.

Therefore, according to the ruling of the president, Montgomery has forfeited its Southern league franchise.

The franchise is now the property of the league to be disposed of in any way the directors see fit.

But wait! A fight is coming.

President Joseph states that Montgomery will not pay the fine and that Montgomery's franchise will not be forfeited.

This matter will come before the directors of the league. If the action of the president is sustained, Montgomery will not be in the Southern league next season, and Joseph may take some action which will prove a sensation.

If the president is not sustained, then the president will no doubt resign, and there will be another sensation.

If the action is not sustained, and the president resigns, then there will never again be an attempt to preserve the salary limit agreement.

At any rate, considerable fun is in store for the fans of the circuit. Nothing of such a sensational nature has occurred in the history of the league since the notorious St. Vrain case.

A special meeting of the directors will probably be called before the meeting of the league in Birmingham October 24.

H. W. R.

DRUCKE LOOKS GOOD

BY SAM CRANE

New York, September 29.—It is always more or less of a gamble as to how young players will turn out, and club owners are willing to take long chances in their efforts to secure "phenoms." Any club that can get one "find" out of a dozen new players, is very fortunate.

The New York club will have 15 youngsters next spring, who may possibly be the coming Mathewsons, Chases and Cobbs of the future, but then again, none of the entire crowd may turn out to be of any use.

In Louis Drucke, I think the Giants have a pitcher who will eventually be nearly up to Christie Mathewson. He, in my opinion, is a real "find," and will be a very valuable asset to the New York club. Drucke was secured from the Dallas club in the fall of 1909 and did well from the start. This season he has developed into one of the most promising youngsters that the year has produced. He is somewhat crude yet, but under McGraw's careful management he will become a star twirler.

That is, everything points that way. He is a raw youth now—"an overgrown

NINE DAMAGE SUITS

Nine damage suits, brought about by a variety of causes and seeking sums of money ranging from \$500 to \$30,000, were filed yesterday in the city court.

As chance would have it, not a suit was filed in the circuit court.

The suits filed in the city court were as follows:

John Kelley vs. Republic Iron and Steel company, \$10,000 damages for burns received while in the employ of the company at Thomas furnace.

J. H. Nunneley vs. city of Birmingham, \$5000 damages for injury to property caused by the city dumping ground nearby.

Mrs. J. H. Nunneley vs. city of Birmingham, \$5000 in same cause.

Will Hubert vs. Birmingham Railway, Light and Power company, \$3000 damages for injuries received when his automobile was run into by a street car.

Nelson Gore vs. Semet-Solway company, \$2000 damages for injuries to eyes when employed by the defendant company at the Ensey plant.

Charles L. Long vs. Louisville and Nashville Railroad company, \$5000 damages for injuries received when working for Pratt Consolidated Coal company on cars leased from Louisville and Nashville Railroad company.

Luke Allen, a minor, pro am, Ben Allen, vs. Louisville and Nashville Railroad company, \$5000 for injury to thumb when a section of steel rail he was lifting was dropped upon it.

Mrs. Alice L. Hammack vs. Birmingham Railway, Light and Power company, \$10,000 for injuries received when street car was started before she had completely alighted.

Walter Robertson vs. Central of Georgia Railway company, \$10,000 damages for injuries received when in employ of defendant company as a brakeman.

RATE HEARING RESUMES TODAY

A conference was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of H. C. Selheimer in regard to the rate case which will be resumed this afternoon in Birmingham regarding the Louisville and Nashville railroad, and the fixed rates of the state.

At the conference was W. D. Nesbit, railroad commissioner; Mr. Selheimer and Mr. Hillman, the rate expert. During the afternoon Gov. B. B. Comer called to pay his request to Mr. Selheimer. The governor is very much interested in the rate hearing and the indications are that he will be a spectator at the resumption this afternoon.

Mr. Selheimer stated yesterday that he could not give any outline just now as to who would be placed on the stand. He said perhaps Mr. Hillman, the expert, would be a main witness, but as to that he could not state.

Mr. Nesbit, in speaking of the resumption, said he hoped the state would not require his presence at the hearing. However, he will testify if needed.

The hearing will be resumed in the offices of Sydney J. Bowie, Special Master, who has been hearing the testimony, will be here today to preside.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Marriage licenses have been issued as follows from the office of the probate court:

Mainly Reavis of Woodlawn to Miss Maggie Reed.

Antney Little of Morris to Miss Maude Coleman.

Pleasant M. Smithson of Bessemer to Miss Bessey Ogleby.

Anthony Romeo of Birmingham to Miss Sarah Dopiano.

Edwin A. Weberg of Jamestown, N. Y., to Miss Lucille B. Spangler.

Samuel J. Bond of Birmingham to Miss Annie Ramsey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS TO MEET

The Birmingham Sunday School association is planning to give help to the intermediate, senior and adult departments of the Sunday school. In their interest a great meeting is to be held in the First Methodist church on the afternoon and night of October 3. A program is being prepared which will be of unusual interest. Excellent speakers have been secured. Especial emphasis will be laid on the music. All Sunday school workers will be cordially welcomed.

ROBISON PIGHEADED

Cleveland, O., September 29.—The series of games between the Chicago National Baseball team and the Philadelphia Athletics for the world's championship will not commence on October 15, according to a statement made here today by Stanley Robison, owner of the St. Louis team of the National league. The situation is in the hands of Mr. Robison, as October 15 is the scheduled date for a game between his team and the Chicago club. Mr. Robison said he had no intention of changing the date.

POSTMASTERS ADJOURN

Richmond, Va., September 29.—The 13th annual convention of the National association of Postmasters of the first class adjourned shortly after noon today.

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JOSEPH SAYS HE WILL NOT PAY ONE CENT OF JUUL FINE

Montgomery, September 29.—Although the time limit for the payment of Montgomery's fine assessed by President Kavanaugh of the Southern league in connection with the Juul incident expired tonight, no move toward obeying the Southern league chief's mandate was made. According to President Kavanaugh's decision Montgomery for the first time in eight years is not a member of the league.

President E. B. Joseph of the Montgomery club says he will fight President Kavanaugh's action to a finish. In a statement tonight he says:

"At the spring meeting of the Southern league in Atlanta last February I told Judge Kavanaugh when I signed the club president's agreement regarding the salary limit that I had promised Juul and others on this club their transportation to Montgomery. Judge Kavanaugh said that there was no objection to that, number of similar cases being in all of the clubs. On Sunday night, September 18, I left Montgomery for Canoga Lake, N. C., and on the following Saturday, September 24, I received a letter from Judge Kavanaugh inclosing

copies of Juul's charges and telegrams from R. J. Chambers and B. W. Strassburger to Juul. These documents I understand had been made public nearly a week before or about the time that I left Montgomery. Yet it was nearly a week before I was officially notified of the fact. I immediately replied to Judge Kavanaugh's letter and told him that Messrs. Chambers and Strassburger had no connection with the Montgomery club, and that Juul had never received one cent from the Montgomery club more than his salary called for. I was in hopes that this would settle the matter, or at least that the president of the league would hold it up as I requested him to do, until the annual meeting of the league.

"There is a guarantee or sinking fund of \$10,000 in the treasury of the Southern league, and Montgomery's share of it is one-eighth. This sum represents exactly the fine that I—Kavanaugh—said that Montgomery will have to pay in the Juul case or forfeit her franchise. Well, I don't propose to pay one cent of that fine, and I don't think that there is the remotest chance of Montgomery losing her share of that sinking fund or

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	141	94	47	.667
New York	144	84	60	.583
Pittsburgh	145	83	62	.572
Philadelphia	145	74	71	.510
Cincinnati	148	73	75	.492
St. Louis	141	59	82	.419
Brooklyn	146	60	86	.410
Boston	145	59	86	.410

Belcher Injured

New York, September 29.—New York took the last game from Cincinnati today, 5 to 4, through Murray's clever hitting and Ames' steadiness at critical times. Belcher, Cincinnati's leftfielder, had his left hand lacerated by his chest today when he ran against one of the field boxes in the fifth. He had to be taken to a hospital. Score: R.H.E. Cincinnati.....011 000 2-4 8 0 New York.....009 000 5-4 2 0 Batteries: Belcher and McLean; Ames and Wilson. Time, 2:05. Umpires, Johnstone and Eason.

Doolin Again Suspended

Philadelphia, September 29.—Philadelphia hit hard and easily defeated St. Louis 6 to 1. The visitors made only two hits off Ewing's delivery. Manager Doolin of Philadelphia was today suspended indefinitely by President Lynch for a dispute with Umpire Klem yesterday. Brenahan was put out of today's game for disputing a decision by Umpire Kane. Score: R.H.E. St. Louis.....009 000 1-6 1 1 Philadelphia.....022 000 6-1 2 0 Batteries: Harmon and Phelps; Ewing and Moran. Time, 1:45. Umpires, Klem and Kane.

Bennett's Easy

Boston, September 29.—Boston felled poorly today and Chicago, aided by heavy hitting, won 3 to 3. Score: R.H.E. Chicago.....003 000 3-3 2 0 Boston.....003 000 3-3 2 0 Batteries: Bennett and Kling; Burke, Frock and Rariden. Time, 1:47. Umpires, Brennan and O'Day.

Pirates Finally Win

Brooklyn, September 29.—Brooklyn used three pitchers in an effort to make it five straight from Pittsburgh today, but the visitors won 7 to 2. Score: R.H.E. Pittsburgh.....003 000 7-2 11 0 Brooklyn.....010 000 2-7 4 0 Batteries: Adams and Gibson; Scanlon, Ussau, Burke and Rariden. Time, 1:39. Umpires, Rigler and Emslie.

LOVE TIE SHOWS CLASS AT TORONTO

Toronto, September 29.—The Woodbine track today was fast. The feature was the last race, in which Love Tie again showed class.

First race, mile and a sixth—Compton, 105 (Goldstein), 9 to 2, won; G. M. Miller, 105 (Paine), 5 to 1, second; Redmister, 107 (Davis), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:48 1/4.

Shawnee, The Golden Butterfly, Dixie Knight, Cast Steel and Judge Lassing ran.

Second race, six furlongs—Bridelane, 108 (Muggrave), 13 to 5, won; Placerville, 105 (Garner), 2 to 1, second; Teard Girl, 105 (Goldstein), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:26 1/4.

Satin Bower, King Gowanda, Rushwater and Mayflower ran.

Third race, mile and a sixth—Responsful, 111 (Archibald), 6 to 1, won; Marigold, 101 (Garner), 9 to 5, second; My Gal, 101 (Gross), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:48 1/4.

Elgin, Kenmare Queen, Montclair, Pocatello, Laughing Eyes, Hickory Stick, Live Wire, Lyndhurst, Dr. Burch and Adalla ran.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Sweepaway, 110 (Muggrave), 2 to 5, won; Leah, 115 (Gross), 9 to 2, second; Solid Comfort, 110 (Archibald), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:24 1/4.

Imprint and Golden Wedding ran.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Magazine, 115 (Gross), 5 to 2, won; Camperon, 113 (Archibald), 5 to 2, second; Lady Irma, 104 (Walsh), 14 to 1, third. Time, 1:25 1/4.

Mexonana, Babbler and Via Octavia ran.

Sixth race, steeplechase, about two miles—Merrymen, 105 (Lucas), 11 to 10, won; Bessie, 104 (Bennett), 4 to 1, second; Tourney, 114 (McClain), 11 to 10, third. Time, 4:04 1/4.

Bannock Bob, Prince and Judge Cronin ran.

Seventh race, one mile—Love Tie, 110 (Gross), 5 to 2, won; Oakbals, 124 (Glass), 3 to 1, second; Jack Atkins, 112 (Archibald), 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:39 1/4.

Only three starters.

Columbus After Game

Columbus, Ga., September 29.—(Special.)—A delegation will go from Columbus to Auburn tomorrow in automobiles and lay before the athletic association the claim of Columbus for the Auburn-Georgia football game on Thanksgiving day. Quite a number of automobiles will be used and the delegation will be a representative one. A subcommittee will go from the point by rail to Athens to extend the same invitation to the University of Georgia.

NEW RULES AGAIN

San Francisco, September 29.—Serious internal injuries received in a football game yesterday, coincident with an attack of appendicitis, may prove fatal for Max Reinhart, aged 19, captain of the Santa Clara High school football team. Removed to a hospital at Oakland from Berkeley, where his team played the University of California freshmen, Reinhart was operated upon last night, and his condition is said to be critical.

SURPRISES RULE ON COLUMBUS TRACK

Columbus, O., September 29.—Native Belle and Miss Stokes, champion trotters of last year at two and one years, today won the three-year-old and two-year-old division of the horse review futurity in races that were made uncertain by the unsteadiness of each.

Native Belle, that twice won heats in 2:07 1/4 at the record she made last October at Lexington, lost two to Emily Ellen by making breaks when out in front. She was favorite but her manners threw the wagering public into a panic that did not subside until she trotted all the way in the fifth heat and won it in 2:04 1/4. She did the first quarter of the first heat in 29 3/4 seconds. Miss Stokes, the first choice in the Junior division, broke going away in the first heat, went to Justice Brook in slow time. The middle heat was a see-saw between the two most all the way which Miss Stokes won and took a record of 2:04 1/4. She won the third heat in slower time though it was stubbornly contested as the second one. Leftwich won the pacing division as she pleased. In an attempt to beat his world's record of 2:01, made here a week ago today, The Harvester failed. He stepped the first quarter in less than half a minute, but took 31 1/2 seconds for the second quarter. The third one was trotted in 30 seconds flat and the last in 30 1/4, making the mile in 2:01 1/4.

Independence Boy, winner of three races last week, was favorite at \$5 to \$7 over the field of 23 pacers. He won in straight heats, Dickie C. forcing him to make the last one in 2:04 1/4. Summaries: 2-year-old pacing, 3 heats, \$1200: Lady Belle, b. f. (Cox)..... 1 1 1 Dickie C., ch. g. (Crocker)..... 5 3 2 Beauty Wilkes, b. s. (McHenry)..... 6 9 3 Harry Mc, b. g. (Patterson)..... 4 6 5 Hal Hal, b. m. (McDonald)..... 2 3 2 Gay, b. g. (Marvin)..... 7 7 9 Dillon Queen, b. m. (Kelly)..... 9 8 8 Time, 2:08 1/4, 2:04 1/4, 2:04 1/4.

Horse Review futurity, 3-year-old trotters, 3 in 5, \$5000: Native Belle, b. f. by Moko..... 1 1 1 Murphy..... 1 6 1 4 1 Emily Belle, b. f. by Todd (McDonald)..... 3 1 2 1 3 Grace, ch. f. (McDevitt)..... 2 3 2 2 2 And, ch. c. (Geers)..... 5 2 2 2 2 Lu Lu Arion, ch. f. (Benyon)..... 4 5 4 4 Bon Vivant, b. c. (Proctor)..... 7 4 6 4 Arapahoe, blk. c. (Zass)..... 6 7 4 Lady Green Goods, b. f. (Grady)..... 6 7 4 Time, 2:07 1/4, 2:07 1/4, 2:06 1/4.

Horse Review futurity, 2-year-old trotters, 2 in 3, \$3000: Miss Stokes, b. f. by Peter the Great (Willie)..... 8 1 1 Brooke, b. c. by Barton..... 1 2 3 Gale (Miller)..... 1 2 3 Bonnie Hill, b. f. (Benyon)..... 2 4 4 Peter Boy, b. c. (McDevitt)..... 4 3 3 Sister Ella, ch. f. (McMahon)..... 5 4 4 Time, 2:14 1/4, 2:14 1/4, 2:14 1/4.

Horse Review futurity, 3-year-old pacers, 3 in 5, \$3000: Lettwhick, b. f. by Moko..... 1 1 1 Twinkling Star, b. f. (Murphy)..... 2 2 2 Time, 2:13 1/4, 2:14 1/4, 2:14 1/4.

To beat world's record 2:01 for trotting stallions:

The Harvester, b. h. by Walnutnut (Geers) lost, time by quarters, 29 3/4, 1:03 1/4, 1:33 1/4, 2:03 1/4.

MISS HAMMOND STARS AT LONGWOOD CLUB

Boston, September 29.—Miss Louise Hammond of New York was easily the star of the tennis tournament at the Longwood club today, winning all her matches. Besides getting into the finals for the singles by her victory over Miss Edith Roth of Boston, she figured successfully in the women's doubles and mixed doubles.

In the third round of the women's doubles matches Miss Hammond and Miss Marion Pennock of Boston defeated Miss Marion Pennock and Miss Eleanor Sears, 4 to 6, 6 to 3.

In the second round of the mixed doubles Miss Hammond and R. C. Seaver, former Massachusetts champion, defeated Miss Eleanor Sears and Beals C. Wright in three sets, 2-6, 6-4, and 6-1.

PLAYERS ENTERTAINED

Tokio, September 29.—American Ambassador O'Brien today gave a reception to the University of Chicago baseball players, who, in charge of Prof. Gilbert A. Bliss, are touring Japan. The guests included representatives of the universities of Waseda and Kelo, with whom games are arranged; Count Okuma, president of Waseda, and other prominent Japanese and foreigners.

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Won't Pay the Fine

Montgomery, September 29.—(Special.)—Immediately upon his return from North Carolina today, President E. B. Joseph of the Montgomery Baseball club declared that he had no idea of paying the fine which had been so "arbitrarily administered" by Judge Kavanaugh against the Montgomery club because of the Juul melee. Joseph declares that the play was a grandstand one altogether.

His statement follows:

"No, I haven't been worried over the Juul matter. It is a pure case of 'much ado about nothing.' I am not going to 'suppose that I had an enemy I would like to sandbag, and some other man has the same idea, and one goes so far as to promise this fellow a good sandbag when an opportunity offers, but fails to carry out his promise, could I be convicted for the offense? Well, there is just about as much logic in the much heralded Juul episode that was given the press before it was given to the club. My opinion is it is one of the greatest 'grandstand' plays ever attempted, and you can tell the people that the Montgomery Baseball club has no intention of paying the fine now being arbitrarily administered, nor the remotest idea of forfeiting its franchise."

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Philadelphia	141	82	59	.578
New York	143	82	61	.572
Detroit	146	82	64	.562
Boston	145	80	65	.553
Pittsburgh	148	67	76	.468
Washington	146	63	83	.432
Chicago	146	63	83	.432
St. Louis	146	45	101	.307

Naps Loose Fine Game

Cleveland, September 29.—Cleveland lost its last home game of the season today, Boston winning 2 to 1. Score: R.H.E. Cleveland.....000 000 0-1 9 3 Boston.....011 000 2-1 9 3 Batteries: Naps and Egan; Smith and Smith; Collins, Smith and Kleinow. Time, 1:35. Umpires, Perrine and O'Loughlin.

Langue Was Strong

St. Louis, September 29.—Chicago defeated St. Louis 4 to 1 here today. Score: R.H.E. Chicago.....000 001 0-4 6 3 St. Louis.....001 000 1-4 2 3 Batteries: Lange and Payne; Mitchell and Stephens. Time, 1:39. Umpires, Evans and Sheridan.

HANS MAKES RECORD ON LEXINGTON TRACK

Lexington, September 29.—Hans, paying \$25.00 on each \$2 ticket in the mutuels, won the Lexington Brewing company's selling stake, the feature of the closing day of the Kentucky Racing association meet. He broke a track record in going the mile and 20 yards in 1:40 3/4, a second faster than the time of W. A. Leach at the spring meeting. Tolson O'Dr., paying \$12.50 in the \$2 mutuels, won the race, and Bettie Sue, at \$35.50 to \$2, took the race from Hans.

Peter Pender, at \$55 in the \$2 mutuels, won the final event from Frances Ray and Wander. The crowd was the largest of the meeting.

Many horses were shipped tonight to Louisville for the fall meeting at Churchill Downs. Summary: First race, 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs—Tolson O'Dr., 109 (Koerner), won; Westbury, 109 (Reid), third. Time, 1:31 1/4. Two-dollar mutuels paid: Tolson O'Dr., straight \$12, place \$3.50, show \$5.70. Billy Bodemer, place \$5, show \$3.50. Westbury, show \$3.80.

Second race, 2-year-olds, six furlongs—Bettie Sue, 107 (Rice), won; Hectagon, 110 (Thomas), second; Kowen, 110 (Reid), third. Time, 1:34. Two-dollar mutuels paid: Bettie Sue, straight \$25.50, place \$6.30, show \$3.20. Hectagon, place \$3.50, show \$3.40. Lowen, show \$5.20.

Third race, 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs—Emperor William, 111 (Grand), won; Royal Captive, 111 (Kennedy), second; Brooke, b. c. by Barton, third. Time, 1:31 1/4. Two-dollar mutuels paid: Emperor William, win \$5.40, place \$3.10, show \$2.40. Royal Captive, place \$3.40, show \$2.40. Selwick, show \$2.30.

Fourth race, Lexington Brewing selling stakes, \$50 added, for 3-year-olds and up, mile and 20 yards—Hans, 108 (Goose), won; Intrinac, 100 (Thomas), second; Huck, 110 (Koerner), third. Time, 1:40 3/4. Two-dollar mutuels paid: Hans, straight \$24.40, place \$4.20, show \$3.20. Intrinac, place \$3.50, show \$3.10. Huck, \$3.20.

Fifth race, 2-year-olds, selling, purse \$300, five and a half furlongs—Henry Walbank, 102 (Stein), won; Americaner, 106 (Goose), second; Hectagon, 110 (Thomas), third. Time, 1:07 1/4. Two-dollar mutuels paid: Henry Walbank, win \$10.20, place \$6.50, show \$4.00. Americaner, place \$10.70, show \$5.30. Hectagon, place \$3.50, show \$3.40.

Sixth race, 2-year-olds and up, selling, purse \$300, mile and 20 yards—Peter Pender, 110 (D. McCarthy), won; Francis Ray, 108 (Martin), second; Wander, 107 (Grand), third. Time, 1:41 1/4. Two-dollar mutuels paid: Peter Pender, straight \$57.20, place \$2.10, show \$1.50. Francis Ray, place \$10.70, show \$5.40. Dander, show \$3.50.

Toronto Entries

Toronto, September 29.—Entries for tomorrow:

First race, 7 furlongs—Black Minister, 101; Carrillon, 102; Cooney K, 105; Flashing, 102; Bob Co, 104; Hoory, 108; Adrienne, 102; Barkley, 113; 106; Detroit, 112.

Second race, 6 furlongs—The Nigger, 100; Madrigal, 103; Nightfall, Mistive, 104; Jim L, 107; Meridian, Footprint, Star Char, 112; Wren, 100; The King, Liberty Lass, Orno, 142.

Fourth race, 1 1/4 miles—Bang, 97; Responsible, Acumen, 102; Templer, 105; Gilpin, 107; Golconda, Riffman, 109; Netherton, 108.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Huetamo, Sea Kittie, Spin, Demonesse, 104; Cehrlis, Garneau, Picolata, 107; Vasp, Temay, Corin, Allan, Song of Rocks, 109; Also eligible, Merry Lad, Chippewayan, 107.

Sixth race, about 2 1/4 miles, steeplechase—Star Emblem, 135; Nick o' Time, Oase, 138; Maxell, 140; Branden, 142; J. C. C., Dr. Heard, Lizzie Flint, 144; Bysantine, 149; Ted, 144.

Seventh race, 1 1/4 miles—Sandy Kirkwood, 112; Onaping, 116; Medip, Capersua, 121.

Eighth race, 6 furlongs—Cast Steel, Woolfson, Come on, 102; Amoret, Flashing, 109; Horizon, Oxern, 112; Herpes, Boco, 114; Templer, 117.

SOME SPORTING CHAT

Who will win the championship of the world? Ban Johnson, president of the American league—"Philadelphia." Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia team—"The Athletics." Ty Cobb, prominent American league player—"The Athletics." Thomas J. Lynch, president of the National league—"The Cubs." Frank Chance, manager of the Cubs—"Chicago." John J. McGraw, manager of the New York National leaguers—"The Cubs." What do you make of it?

Changing the subject rapidly, what do you think of the "new football" in regard to the accidents that have followed its adoption?

No game of importance has been played, and yet practically every day the papers publish one more or more serious injuries sustained by players.

Football is essentially a masculine game. If accidents can only be prevented by legislation—then the task is hopeless.

The only way to prevent accidents in football—is to prevent football.

Every year, following numerous injuries on the gridiron, a rules committee gets together and promulgates new from across the Tan professors.

A member of the rule committee was asked one day if he really thought the new code would obviate the necessity of encountering danger. He shook his head.

"Then why all this harangue about the blessing that is in store—good football without a single scratch?"

"Hill! Do not spoil the plot," he replied. "We have to change a bit of reading matter to please those who clamor for reform. All they want is the publication that no accidents can occur this season."

Well, George Reed has been renominated and his election is as certain as Emmet O'Neal's.

It was not an unwise action, either. Reed is a good manager. He has labored under hardships that would have discouraged many other men. When there is internal dissension or friction between the members of the governing body of a team, then the manager must suffer. Often a manager makes a miserable showing and stands the blame, when the blame is traceable to a niggardly directorate or owner, or a pighted one.

Reed is a good team last season—or towards the end of last season—and if the criticism is obtained by next season Mobile will be in the race. The writer considers Manuel, Bittroff and Chappelle as good a trio of fingers as any other club of the league can boast—or could.

We believe that a team of good pitchers and good catcher will win first honors nine times out of ten.

"Keep the other fellows from scoring and we will win" is almost axiomatic. For instance, if Birmingham should open next year with Covealek and "Hub" Perdue in addition to those pitchers who will return—and if two capable catchers are obtained—then Birmingham will win a pennant.

"Hub" Perdue has stated his anxiety to come to Birmingham next season. He has also expressed a wish to play with Atlanta.

The truth of the matter is, that Perdue wants a change. And Nashville is willing.

The Gallatin lad doesn't figure strongly on being able to remain with Brooklyn next season, and hopes to get with a real live one in the Southern league. "Hub" is a good finger, and local fans would rejoice if he is landed.

And Manager Molesworth must be certain to get a couple of strong backstoppers.

We do not hesitate to say that Ryan is too weak for Southern league company. Boyle won't do of course. From south, Ryan is promising.

But it would be well to bear in mind eternally that the Southern league has grown too fast to be a training school for green material.

Strong men in this company must be developed before starring before Dixie audiences.

H. A.

PLANS FOR CHAMBER

President A. H. Ford yesterday afternoon discussed the enlarged scope of work for a Chamber of Commerce in a city of 133,000 population. He outlined the campaign for the coming fall and winter, and spoke enthusiastically of the census.

"Now that we know that we have a town of 133,000 people," he said, "we ought to appreciate the importance of our Chamber of Commerce to the whole situation, and I expect to see the chamber accomplish great things during the fall and winter."

"One thing we must do. Through committee work we must get the whole 133,000 people interested in the Chamber of Commerce. As it is now there are a large number of active, energetic business men in the suburban sections of which Birmingham is made up, who do not feel that they are a part and parcel of Birmingham. I will try to direct the attention of the chamber to the importance of bringing all these people into close touch with our work. It would mean a largely increased membership, and the business development of every section of the town."

"A city of 133,000 people brings responsibilities to a commercial organization like the Chamber of Commerce that we must discharge. I want to see the Chamber of Commerce plan big things, lay the lines for a 100 per cent increase at least in population during the next 10 years. We will have at least 250,000 people at the end of the next decade, and that is

no extravagant estimate.

"All the different committees of the Chamber of Commerce will doubtless do a great deal of effective work during the fall. I expect to see the next meeting, October 14, one of the best we have ever held. It will mark the starting of all these activities, and should be attended by every member."

"Having a population of 133,000 we should find it easier to place our securities issued by local corporations, and the city will find it easier to borrow money. The completion of our \$25,000 subscription fund for the purpose of carrying on the work of the chamber."

"There are some of the things which I want to see accomplished by the chamber during my term."

"Prosecution of the farm movement work, persistently and consistently looking toward the reduction of the cost of living in Birmingham."

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